"This is certainly good news for the people of western North Carolina," said Sen. John Snow (D-Cherokee, Clay, Graham, Haywood, Jackson, Macon, Swain, Transylvania). "We worked hard to get to this point today and I would especially like to commend Gov. Easley, Transylvania County Economic Developer Mark Burrows as well as the county commissioners for their tireless efforts to bring these good jobs to our area."

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